

## Mobile Research in India : A Scientometric Assessment of Publications Output during 2007-16

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### ABSTRACT

The paper examines 13021 Indian publications on mobile research during 2007-16, as covered in Scopus database. The Indian publications were downloaded using a search strategy which uses the search term 'mobile\*' in the two tags, namely 'keyword tag' and 'Article Title tag' and restricting it to the India in 'country tag' and period 2007-16 in 'date range tag'. The Indian mobile research output experiencing an annual average growth rate of 22.64 per cent, global share of 5.88 per cent, citation impact of 2.11 and international collaborative publication share of 11.28 per cent during 2007-16. Computer Science, among subjects, contributed the largest publication share (74.61), engineering (38.32%), mathematics and social sciences (6.94% and 6.54), etc. during 2007-16. Amongst 14 subfields identified in India's mobile research, mobile networks contributed the largest publication share (53.19%), followed by mobile telecommunication systems (35.09%), Mobile communication (29.22%), mobile ad hoc networks (26.86%), mobile security (20.62%), etc. The most productive 20 Indian organisations and authors together contributed 25.64 per cent and 5.11 per cent share to the overall publications output of India in mobile research during 2007-16. The top 20 journals contributed 23.0 per cent share to the Indian journal output during 2007-16. Only 14 publications have registered citations from 109 to 548 and these together received 3259 citations, with 232.79 citations per paper. Conclude that India is still not a leading country in the world on mobile research both in terms of quantity and quality of research. In view of strategic and global importance and to increase the research output and quality, the Indian Government needs to identify this area as one of the national priority area, involving much larger R&D investments and trained manpower and also increase international collaboration with leading mobile research hubs.

**Keywords:** Mobile research; India; Publications; Bibliometric indicators; International Collaboration; Scientometrics; Bibliometrics

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Mobile phones in India have become integral part of everyday life, connecting us wirelessly to family, friends, services and work 24/7. Twenty years ago there weren't any mobile phones and since then a lot of things have changed. Mobile phones and mobile internet have changed the way we do things and how we connect with other people. For individuals, mobile devices are not just for communication. They offer rich digital experiences on the go. Traditional services like voice and SMS are gradually being replaced by mobile data services. Mobile content usage is dominated by email, social networking, chat, games and news. People use mobile for data services such as GPS, Google map, data collection, efficiency and data accuracy, real-time analytics, multilingual support, data verification, and voice to text services.

Mobile is going to play a major role in realising the Digital India vision, with mobile emerging as the dominant platform, leading technology for internet access in the country. Accessing the internet using mobile handsets has increased dramatically in recent years. Growing investments in 4G

networks promise to drive mobile even more deeply into our economy and society. There are 616 million unique mobile users in India, and by 2020 the number of unique users will touch 951 million with around 1.4 billion mobile connections (SIM)<sup>1</sup>. This makes India the second largest mobile market in the world, after China. Besides, India still continues to be the fastest growing mobile market in the world – It added over 100 million new subscribers in the past 18 months alone from June 2014 to March 2016. Urban mobile subscriber share stands at 56.96 per cent compared to 43.04 per cent of rural subscribers. India's urban tele-density is 148.73 while rural is 50.88<sup>2</sup>.

Previously mobile stood separate from other digital technologies. Now, everything digital is also going mobile: computers, software, the internet, cloud and social media. Mobile is also making significant impact on businesses and the society<sup>3</sup>. Mobile is changing how businesses operate, changing interactions with consumers. Mobile is now a popular source of sales / revenue, and a marketing and engagement opportunity, with new behavioural and geo-locational targeting strategies. For some business it is a service delivery channel. Customers use mobile for scanning and comparison shopping, on the spot, in retail store. Search and search engine optimisation are rapidly

changing. The mobile ecosystem is widening encompassing several components such as application developers, content providers, mobile web, M-commerce, and M2M facilitating communication between appliances and mobile technology. Research and innovation across the world is driving the mobile industry, mobile computing and communication technologies. India too is contributing to mobile research and innovation. It should be worthwhile undertaking a study for assessing India's contribution to the mobile research and understand in what areas of mobile research India has made significant contribution and progress over time and how good has been the quality of its research output in mobile research.

### 1.1 Literature Review

Till date, no study has been reported at the national level on quantitative and qualitative analysis of mobile research in India during the last two decades. However, a few quantitative studies analysing publication output were reported covering some of the subfields of mobile research, namely mobile research<sup>4</sup>, mobile technology<sup>5</sup>, mobile computing<sup>6-8</sup>, mobile commerce<sup>9-10</sup>, mobile learning<sup>11-14</sup>, mobile payments<sup>15-16</sup>, mobile banking<sup>17</sup>, etc. Given the fact that no study was available particular at national level on mobile research, the authors, therefore, decided to undertake the present study.

## 2. OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of this study are to study India's status of performance in mobile research during 2007-2016, based on publications covered in Scopus database. In particular, the study focuses on the following objectives:

- Comparative growth of India and the world on mobile research, ascertain India's global share and determine the citation impact of the Indian research output
- National share of international collaborative papers in the country output and the contribution of important foreign countries in India's international collaborative papers
- To analyse research output by broad subject areas and study the growth pattern across subjects over time
- Citation impact of top 20 most productive organisations and authors and compare their the publication productivity trends
- To study the medium of research communication
- To study the characteristics of top highly cited papers on mobile research in India.

## 3. METHODOLOGY

The study identified, retrieved and downloaded the global and Indian publication data on mobile research from the Scopus citation database for 10 years during 2007-2016. A well-defined search strategy was formulated which uses the search term 'mobile\*' in the two tags, namely 'keyword tag' and 'Article Title tag' and restricting it to the period 2007-2016 in 'date range tag' was used for searching the global publication data. The search has resulted into 2,21,563 global publications on mobile-related research. When this search string was restricted to India in 'country tag', as shown below, the publication data on India's mobile-related research was obtained, resulting in 13,021 publications. By using analytical provisions/ tags

available in Scopus database such as 'subject area tag', 'country tag', 'source title tag', 'journal title name' and 'affiliation tag', etc. – the Indian publications output was accordingly refined by subject, collaborating countries, organisation-wise, author-wise and journal-wise, etc. For citation data, citations to publications were also collected from date of publication till 16 December 2016. The Indian publications data was analysed across a series of raw and relative bibliometric indicators with a view to understand the dynamics of Indian research in mobile-related research. A complete counting method, wherein every contributing author or organisation covered in multiple authorship papers was fully counted was used. All authors or organisations to multi-authored papers have received equal credit in data counting and analysis.

KEY (Mobile\*) AND PUBYEAR > 2006 AND PUBYEAR < 2017) or (TITLE (Mobile\*) AND PUBYEAR > 2006 AND PUBYEAR < 2017)) AND (LIMIT-TO (AFFILCOUNTRY,'India' ) )

## 4. ANALYSIS

The global output on mobile research cumulated to 2,21,563 publications during 2007-2016 and that of India it cumulated to 13,021 publications during the same period. India's annual output surged from 409 in 2007 to 1,963 publications in 2016, averaging to 22.64 per cent annual growth, whereas annual world output on mobile research increased from 15,616 to 20,475 publications during the corresponding years, averaging to 4.58 per cent growth. The world output on mobile research registered 15.10 per cent quinquennial growth, whereas India's output registered 121.98 per cent quinquennial growth during the same five-yearly period 2007-2011 and 2012-2016.

India's decennial world publications share on mobile research was 5.88 per cent during 2007-2016; its quinquennial world share increased from 3.93 per cent in 2007-2011 to 7.57 per cent during 2012-2016. The citation impact of mobile research by India averaged to 2.11 citations per publication (CPP) in 10 years during 2007-2016, its quinquennial impact dropped from 4.22 in 2007-2011 to 1.16 citations per publication (CPP) in 2012-2016 as shown in Table 1.

### 4.1 International Collaboration

India's decennial share of international collaborative publications on mobile research was 11.28 per cent during 2007-2016. Its quinquennial share in ICP dropped from 12.96 per cent in 2007-2011 to 10.53 per cent in 2012-2016. Its 1469 ICPs cumulated to a total of 8692 citations in 10 years, averaging to 5.92 citations per paper during 2007-2016.

India collaborated with 86 countries on mobile research during 2007-2016. Of the collaborating countries, United States accounted the largest international collaborative publications share (38.60 %), followed by U.K. (9.39 %), Canada and South Korea (6.94 % and 6.81 %), China (5.31 %), Australia, Germany, Saudi Arabia and France (from 4.08 to 4.77 per cent), etc. India's collaboration with China on mobile research increased by 5.29 per cent, followed by Saudi Arabia (4.08 %), South Korea (3.46 %), Italy (1.01 %), U.K. (0.96 %), Australia (0.88 %), Germany (0.84 %), Canada (0.11 %) and Malaysia

**Table 1. Mobile research in India and the world: Growth, citation impact and international collaboration, 2007-2016**

| Publication period | World  |       | India |      |      |       |      |
|--------------------|--------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|------|
|                    | TP     | TP    | TC    | CPP  | ICP  | %ICP  | %TP  |
| 2007               | 15616  | 409   | 1605  | 3.92 | 59   | 14.43 | 2.62 |
| 2008               | 20525  | 624   | 4187  | 6.71 | 85   | 13.62 | 3.04 |
| 2009               | 21002  | 704   | 3123  | 4.44 | 100  | 14.20 | 3.35 |
| 2010               | 22823  | 935   | 4552  | 4.87 | 135  | 14.44 | 4.10 |
| 2011               | 23037  | 1372  | 3591  | 2.62 | 145  | 10.57 | 5.96 |
| 2012               | 22689  | 1318  | 3953  | 3.00 | 179  | 13.58 | 5.81 |
| 2013               | 21229  | 1189  | 2259  | 1.90 | 147  | 12.36 | 5.60 |
| 2014               | 24347  | 1879  | 2107  | 1.12 | 160  | 8.52  | 7.72 |
| 2015               | 29820  | 2628  | 1959  | 0.75 | 269  | 10.24 | 8.81 |
| 2016               | 20475  | 1963  | 156   | 0.08 | 190  | 9.68  | 9.59 |
| 2007-11            | 103003 | 4044  | 17058 | 4.22 | 524  | 12.96 | 3.93 |
| 2012-2016          | 118560 | 8977  | 10434 | 1.16 | 945  | 10.53 | 7.57 |
| 2007-16            | 221563 | 13021 | 27492 | 2.11 | 1469 | 11.28 | 5.88 |

TP=Total Papers; TC=Total Citations; CPP=Citation Per Paper; ICP=International Collaborative Papers

(0.06 %). But with USA its international collaboration dropped by 7.64 per cent, followed by France (1.66 %), Finland (1.57 %), Singapore (0.60 %) and Japan (0.15 %) from 2007-2011 to 2012-2016 as shown in Table 2.

#### 4.2 Mobile Research Output by Subject

India's output on mobile research during 2007-2016 intersected with ten top sub-fields (as reflected in Scopus database classification). Its publications output was highest (74.61 %) in computer science, followed by engineering (38.32 %), mathematics and social sciences (6.94 % and

6.54 %), medicine, physics and astronomy, biochemistry, genetics and molecular biology and chemistry (from 3.06 % to 3.82 %), materials science and business, accounting and management (2.90 % and 2.64 %) during 2007-2016. The research activity on mobile research, as seen from activity index measure, went up 63.55 per cent in physics and astronomy, 42.62 per cent in medicine, 22.86 per cent in business, accounting and management, 5.38 per cent in engineering, 5.06 per cent in materials science, and by 0.06 per cent in computer science. The activity index dropped by 127.17 per cent in chemistry, 70.63 per cent in social sciences, and by 13.43 per cent in biochemistry, genetics and molecular biology from 2007-2011 to 2012-2016 as shown in Table 3.

#### 4.3 Mobile Research Output by Major Subfields

About 14 subfields of mobile research have been identified and India's mobile research output was accordingly classified for subject analysis as shown in Table 4. The subfields so identified are not mutually exclusive but overlap and interpenetrate one another. The mobile research output (6926 papers, 53.19 %) was the largest in mobile networks, followed by mobile telecommunication systems (4569 papers, 35.09 %), mobile communication (3805 papers, 29.22 %), mobile ad hoc networks (3497 papers, 26.86 %), mobile security (2685 papers, 20.62 %), etc. The research output in these subfields registered both growth as well as decline over time from 2007-2011 to 2012-2016 as shown in Table 4.

#### 4.4 Top 20 Most Productive Organisations

The publication productivity of 20 most productive Indian organisations in mobile research varied over a wide range from 91 to 532 publications. Together these top 20 organisations contributed 25.64 per cent publication share (3339 publications), 33.51 per cent citation share (9212) to total publications output by India on mobile research during 2007-2016. The scientometric profile of these 20 Indian organisations is presented in Table 5.

- Seven of the top 20 organisations registered publications output above the group average of 166.95 publications per organisation.
- Eight organisations registered citation impact above the average citations per publication (2.76) of the top 20 organisations during 2007-2016: IIT-Madras (7.89), IIT-Bombay (4.75), IIT-Kanpur (4.26), IIT-Delhi (4.21), IIT-Kharagpur (3.91), Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore (3.37), NIT-Rourkela (3.33) and Thapar University, Patiala (2.81) during 2007-2016.
- Eight organisations registered h-index above the group average (9.6): IIT-Kharagpur (17), Jadavpur University, Kolkata (15), IIT-Madras, IIT-Delhi and Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore (14 each), Anna University, Chennai (12), IIT-Bombay (11) and NIT-Rourkela (10) during 2007-2016.
- Eight organisations contributed international collaborative publications share above the group

**Table 2. Share of leading countries collaborating with India on mobile research during 2007-16**

| Collaborative country | Number of international collaborative papers |         |         | Share of international collaborative papers |         |         |
|-----------------------|--|---------|---------|---|---------|---------|
|                       | 2007-11                                      | 2012-16 | 2007-16 | 2007-11                                     | 2012-16 | 2007-16 |
| USA                   | 228  | 339     | 567     | 43.51                                       | 35.87   | 38.60   |
| U.K.                  | 46   | 92      | 138     | 8.78  | 9.74    | 9.39    |
| Canada                | 36   | 66      | 102     | 6.87  | 6.98    | 6.94    |
| South Korea           | 24   | 76      | 100     | 4.58  | 8.04    | 6.81    |
| China                 | 10   | 68      | 78      | 1.91  | 7.20    | 5.31    |
| Australia             | 22   | 48      | 70      | 4.20  | 5.08    | 4.77    |
| Germany               | 20   | 44      | 64      | 3.82  | 4.66    | 4.36    |
| Saudi Arabia          | 8  | 53      | 61      | 1.53  | 5.61    | 4.15    |
| France                | 27   | 33      | 60      | 5.15  | 3.49    | 4.08    |
| Japan                 | 18   | 31      | 49      | 3.44  | 3.28    | 3.34    |
| Finland               | 21   | 23      | 44      | 4.01  | 2.43    | 3.00    |
| Singapore             | 17   | 25      | 42      | 3.24  | 2.65    | 2.86    |
| Malaysia              | 13   | 24      | 37      | 2.48  | 2.54    | 2.52    |
| Italy                 | 8  | 24      | 32      | 1.53  | 2.54    | 2.18    |
| World                 | 524  | 945     | 1469    | 100.00                                      | 100.00  | 100.00  |

**Table 3. Subject-wise break-up of publications output by India in mobile research during 2007-16**

| Subject                                      | Number of papers (TP) |         |         | Activity index |         | TC      | CPP     | %TP     |
|--|-----------------------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|  | 2007-11               | 2012-16 | 2007-16 | 2007-11        | 2012-16 | 2007-16 | 2007-16 | 2007-16 |
| Computer science                             | 3016                  | 6699    | 9715    | 99.96          | 100.02  | 13970   | 1.44    | 74.61   |
| Engineering                                  | 1492                  | 3497    | 4989    | 96.29          | 101.67  | 10170   | 2.04    | 38.32   |
| Mathematics                                  | 293                   | 611     | 904     | 104.36         | 98.04   | 1847    | 2.04    | 6.94    |
| Social science                               | 393                   | 458     | 851     | 148.69         | 78.06   | 1597    | 1.88    | 6.54    |
| Medicine                                     | 109                   | 388     | 497     | 70.62          | 113.24  | 2571    | 5.17    | 3.82    |
| Physics and astronomy                        | 78                    | 369     | 447     | 56.18          | 119.74  | 1602    | 3.58    | 3.43    |
| Biochemistry, genetics and molecular biology | 151                   | 294     | 445     | 109.26         | 95.83   | 2239    | 5.03    | 3.42    |
| Chemistry                                    | 232                   | 166     | 398     | 187.69         | 60.50   | 2353    | 5.91    | 3.06    |
| Materials science                            | 113                   | 264     | 377     | 96.51          | 101.57  | 2126    | 5.64    | 2.90    |
| Business, accounting and management          | 90                    | 254     | 344     | 84.24          | 107.10  | 653     | 1.90    | 2.64    |
| Total output                                 | 4044                  | 8977    | 13021   | 100.00         | 100.00  |         |         |         |

TP = Total Papers; TC = Total Citations; CPP = Citation Per Paper

**Table 4. India's Mobile Research Output by Major Sub-Fields during 2007-16**

| Sub-Field                        | Number of papers |         |         | Share of papers |         |         |
|----------------------------------|------------------|---------|---------|-----------------|---------|---------|
|                                  | 2007-11          | 2012-16 | 2007-16 | 2007-11         | 2012-16 | 2007-16 |
| Mobile networks                  | 2248             | 4678    | 6926    | 55.59           | 52.11   | 53.19   |
| Mobile telecommunication systems | 1851             | 2718    | 4569    | 45.77           | 30.28   | 35.09   |
| Mobile communication             | 1274             | 2531    | 3805    | 31.5            | 28.19   | 29.22   |
| Mobile ad hoc networks           | 1133             | 2364    | 3497    | 28.02           | 26.33   | 26.86   |
| Mobile security                  | 468              | 2217    | 2685    | 11.57           | 24.7    | 20.62   |
| Mobile devices                   | 577              | 1317    | 1894    | 14.27           | 14.67   | 14.55   |
| Mobile applications              | 486              | 1237    | 1723    | 12.02           | 13.78   | 13.23   |
| Mobile computing                 | 493              | 1172    | 1665    | 12.19           | 13.06   | 12.79   |
| Mobile technology                | 737              | 915     | 1652    | 18.22           | 10.19   | 12.69   |
| Mobile architecture              | 283              | 447     | 730     | 7               | 4.98    | 5.61    |
| Mobile robots                    | 209              | 429     | 638     | 5.17            | 4.78    | 4.9     |
| Mobile standards                 | 236              | 325     | 561     | 5.84            | 3.62    | 4.31    |
| Mobile software                  | 192              | 323     | 515     | 4.75            | 3.6     | 3.96    |
| Mobile health                    | 129              | 350     | 479     | 3.19            | 3.9     | 3.68    |
| Total                            | 4044             | 8977    | 13021   |                 |         |         |

average (13.6 %) of all organisations: University of Delhi (46.15 %), IIT-Kanpur (31.87 %), IIT-Madras (26.32 %), Thapar University, Patiala (24.24 %), IIT-Delhi (24.16 %), IIT-Bombay (23.4 %), IIT-Kharagpur (19.05 %) and Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru (18.23 %) during 2007-2016.

- Eight organisations registered relative citation index above the group average (1.32) of all organisations: IIT-Madras (3.74), IIT- Bombay (2.25), IIT-Kanpur (2.02), IIT-Delhi (1.99), IIT-Kharagpur (1.85), Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru (1.6), NIT-Rourkela (1.58) and Thapar University, Patiala (1.33) during 2007-2016.

#### 4.5 Top 20 Most Productive Authors

The publications productivity of top 20 most productive Indian authors varied over a wide range from 25 to 60

publications. Together these top 20 Indian authors contributed 5.11 per cent publications share (665 publications) and accounted for 7.32 per cent citations share (2013) during 2007-2016. The scientometric profile of these 20 Indian authors is presented in Table 6.

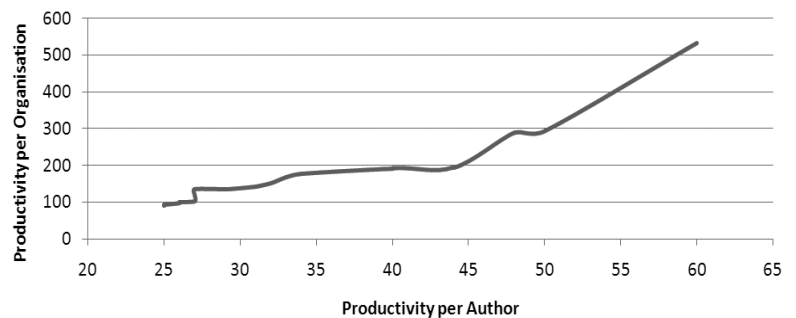
- Six of top 20 authors registered their productivity above the group average of 33.25 as seen in Table 6.
- Six of top authors have registered citation impact above the group average of 3.03 citations per publication of all authors: S. Misra (7.83), S.S. Manvi (7.70), N. Kumar (5.38), D.R. Parhi (4.68), S.K. Dhurandher (4.0) and S. Nandi (3.19) during 2007-2016.
- Seven of top authors registered h-index above the group average (4.7) of all authors: S. Misra (11), S.S. Manvi (10), D.R. Parhi (9), N. Kumar and S.K. Dhurandher (8 each), S. Nandi (60) and G.S. Tomar (5) during 2007-2016.



**Table 5. Scientometric profile of top 20 most productive Indian organisations in mobile research in India during 2007-16**

| Organisation   | TP    | TC    | CPP  | HI  | ICP | ICP (%) | RCI  |
|--|-------|-------|------|-----|-----|---------|------|
| Anna University, Chennai                             | 532   | 858   | 1.61 | 12  | 21  | 3.95    | 0.76 |
| Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur      | 294   | 1150  | 3.91 | 17  | 56  | 19.05   | 1.85 |
| Jadavpur University, Kolkata                         | 289   | 753   | 2.61 | 15  | 28  | 9.69    | 1.23 |
| Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore             | 194   | 277   | 1.43 | 7   | 21  | 10.82   | 0.68 |
| Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore        | 192   | 647   | 3.37 | 14  | 35  | 18.23   | 1.60 |
| Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi          | 178   | 749   | 4.21 | 14  | 43  | 24.16   | 1.99 |
| Sathyabama University, Chennai                       | 168   | 102   | 0.61 | 4   | 3   | 1.79    | 0.29 |
| Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras         | 152   | 1199  | 7.89 | 14  | 40  | 26.32   | 3.74 |
| National Institute of Technology (NIT), Rourkela     | 141   | 470   | 3.33 | 10  | 12  | 8.51    | 1.58 |
| Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay         | 141   | 670   | 4.75 | 11  | 33  | 23.40   | 2.25 |
| Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee        | 135   | 350   | 2.59 | 8   | 18  | 13.33   | 1.23 |
| Tata Consulting Services (TCS)                       | 135   | 328   | 2.43 | 9   | 15  | 11.11   | 1.15 |
| Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati       | 120   | 326   | 2.72 | 8   | 14  | 11.67   | 1.29 |
| Pondicherry Engineering College                      | 103   | 60    | 0.58 | 4   | 0   | 0.00    | 0.28 |
| Thapar University, Patiala                           | 99    | 278   | 2.81 | 9   | 24  | 24.24   | 1.33 |
| Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad | 97    | 138   | 1.42 | 6   | 9   | 9.28    | 0.67 |
| SRM University                                       | 94    | 113   | 1.20 | 6   | 6   | 6.38    | 0.57 |
| Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham University, Coimbatore    | 93    | 119   | 1.28 | 7   | 5   | 5.38    | 0.61 |
| Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur         | 91    | 388   | 4.26 | 9   | 29  | 31.87   | 2.02 |
| University of Delhi                                  | 91    | 237   | 2.60 | 8   | 42  | 46.15   | 1.23 |
| Total of 20 organisations                            | 3339  | 9212  | 2.76 | 9.6 | 454 | 13.60   |      |
| Total of India                                       | 13021 | 27492 |      |     |     |         |      |
| Share of top 20 organisations in India's total       | 25.64 | 33.51 |      |     |     |         |      |

- Four of top 20 authors contributed international collaborative publications share above the group average (23.91 %) of all authors: S.K. Dhurandher (83.33 %), N. Rajput (67.74 %), S. Misra (64.58 %) and N. Kumar (62.50 %) during 2007-2016.
- Seven authors registered relative citation index above the group average (1.20) of all authors: S. Misra (3.71), S.S. Manvi (3.65), N. Kumar (2.55), D.R. Parhi (2.22), S.K. Dhurandher (1.90) S. Nandi (1.51) and G.S. Tomar (1.21) during 2007-2016.

**Figure 1. High productivity: Authors vs Organisations.**

#### 4.6 High Productivity: Authors vs Organisations

Based on publication productivity data in Tables 5 and 6, it is discovered that there is a strong positive correlation between high productivity authors and high productivity organisations ( $r = 0.946$ ) as shown in Fig. 1.

#### 4.7 Medium of Research Communication

The top 20 most productive journals which reported mobile research papers by India over a wide range varying from 26 to 175 papers per journal. Together they accounted for 26.88 per cent share (1087 papers) of India's total publication output on mobile research during 2007-2016. The publication share of these top 20 most productive journals in five years increased from 23.0 per cent to 28.40 per cent during 2007-2011 and

2012-2016. The most productive journal (with 175 papers) was *International Journal of Applied Engineering Research*, followed by *Wireless Personal Communications* (168 papers), *Journal of Planar Chromatography Modern TLC* (85 papers), *Journal of Theoretical and Applied Information Technology* (73 papers), etc. during 2007-2016 as shown in Table 7.

#### 4.8 Highly Cited Papers

In all, 14 papers received high citations from 109 to 548 per paper during 2007-2016 and they together received 3,259 citations, averaging to 232.79 citations per paper. Of the 14 highly cited papers, 4 resulted from stand-alone single organisations (non-collaborative publications) and 10 from participation by two or more organisations (1 as national

**Table 6. Scientometric profile of top 20 most productive Indian authors in mobile research in India during 2007-16**

| Name of the Author                    | Affiliation of the Author                    | TP    | TC    | CPP  | HI  | ICP | %ICP  | RCI  |
|---------------------------------------|--|-------|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|------|
| S.K. Dhurandher                       | NetajiSubhash Institute of Technology, Delhi | 60    | 240   | 4    | 8   | 50  | 83.33 | 1.9  |
| D.R. Parhi                            | NIT-Rourkela                                 | 50    | 234   | 4.68 | 9   | 0   | 0     | 2.22 |
| S. Misra                              | IIT-Kharagpur                                | 48    | 376   | 7.83 | 11  | 31  | 64.58 | 3.71 |
| S.S. Manvi                            | Basaveshwar Engineering College, Bagalkot    | 44    | 339   | 7.7  | 10  | 2   | 4.55  | 3.65 |
| N. Kumar                              | Thapar University, Patiala                   | 40    | 215   | 5.38 | 8   | 25  | 62.5  | 2.55 |
| M.S. Gaur                             | Malaviya NIT-Jaipur                          | 34    | 67    | 1.97 | 4   | 7   | 20.59 | 0.93 |
| V. Laxmi                              | Malaviya NIT-Jaipur                          | 33    | 67    | 2.03 | 4   | 7   | 21.21 | 0.96 |
| S. Neogy                              | Jadavpur University, Kolkata                 | 32    | 30    | 0.94 | 2   | 1   | 3.13  | 0.44 |
| S. Nandi                              | IIT-Guwhati                                  | 31    | 99    | 3.19 | 6   | 1   | 3.23  | 1.51 |
| N. Rajput                             | IBM India Research Lab, New Delhi            | 31    | 21    | 0.68 | 3   | 21  | 67.74 | 0.32 |
| K. Majumdar                           | WB University of Technology, Kolkata         | 29    | 13    | 0.45 | 2   | 2   | 6.9   | 0.21 |
| P. Venkataram                         | IISc-Bangalore                               | 27    | 52    | 1.93 | 4   | 0   | 0     | 0.91 |
| C. Kumar                              | Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad              | 27    | 33    | 1.22 | 3   | 2   | 7.41  | 0.58 |
| G.S. Tomar                            | Machine Intelligence Research Lab, Gwalior   | 27    | 69    | 2.56 | 5   | 4   | 14.81 | 1.21 |
| L.M. Patnaik                          | IISc-Bangalore                               | 26    | 14    | 0.54 | 2   | 3   | 11.54 | 0.26 |
| A.K. Singh                            | NIT-Kurukshetra                              | 26    | 33    | 1.27 | 3   | 1   | 3.85  | 0.6  |
| L.K. Awasthi                          | NIT-Hamirpur                                 | 25    | 39    | 1.56 | 3   | 0   | 0     | 0.74 |
| R. Chaki                              | WB University of Technology, Kolkata         | 25    | 29    | 1.16 | 3   | 0   | 0     | 0.55 |
| D. Das                                | IIIT-Bangalore                               | 25    | 12    | 0.48 | 2   | 2   | 8     | 0.23 |
| M.V. Ramesh                           | Amrita VishwaVidyapeetham University, Kollam | 25    | 31    | 1.24 | 2   | 0   | 0     | 0.59 |
| Total of 20 authors                   |  | 665   | 2013  | 3.03 | 4.7 | 159 | 23.91 |      |
| Total of India                        |  | 13021 | 27492 |      |     |     |       |      |
| Share of 20 authors in total of India |  | 5.11  | 7.32  |      |     |     |       |      |

collaborative publication and 9 international collaborative publications). India collaborated with France, Finland, Germany, Australia, USA, South Korea, Italy and U.K in publishing 9 international collaborative papers. The 14 highly cited papers involved the participation of 69 authors (27 Indian) from 38 organisations (14 Indian). Among the Indian organisations, Microsoft Research India, Bangalore contributed 4 papers and 13 other organisations contributed only 1 paper each: IIT-Chennai, IIT-Bombay, IIT-Kanpur, IIT-Delhi, NIIST-Thiruvananthapuram, NPL-Delhi, BITS, Pilani, Maulana Azad NIT, Bhopal, University of Rajasthan, MD University, Rohtak, National Instruments, India, NTT DOCOMO, Inc., India and Karthekaya Medical Research and Diagnostic Center, Bombay. Of the 14 highly cited papers, 8 were published as articles, 2 as review papers and 4 as conference papers. These 14 highly cited papers were published in 9 journals. *IEEE Communication Magazine* published 6 and 8 other journals - *IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communication*, *International Journal of Hydrogen Energy*, *International Materials Review*, *Information Society*, *Fertility and Sterility*, *Nano scale*, *Journal of Control Theory and Applications* and *Journal of Telemedicine and Telecare* published only 1 paper each.

## 5. SUMMARY

The study provides quantitative and qualitative description of the mobile research in India covering 10-years

publications data 2007-2016, sourced from Scopus database. India cumulated a total of 1,3021 publications on mobile research which appeared during 2007-2016. Its annual output surged from 409 publications in 2007 to 1963 publications in 2016, averaging 22.64 per cent annual growth, and 121.98 per cent quinquennial growth between 2007-2011 and 2012-2016. The decennial publications share of India to the world output on mobile research was 5.88 per cent during 2007-2016; its quinquennial world share on mobile research surged from 3.93 per cent during 2007-2011 to 7.57 per cent during 2012-2016.

The mobile research output in India registered citation impact of 2.11 citations per paper. It showed downward trend since its quinquennial citation impact went down from 4.22 in 2007-2011 to 1.16 citations per paper in 2012-2016. India's share of international collaborative publications on mobile research was 11.28 per cent during 2007-2016. It suffered a downward trend since its quinquennial share dropped from 12.96 per cent in 2007-2011 to 10.53 per cent in 2012-2016. Computer Science accounts for the largest publication share (74.61) in mobile research in India, followed by engineering (38.32 %), mathematics and social sciences (6.94 % and 6.54 %), etc. during 2007-2016. Mobile networks accounted for the largest share (53.19 %) of India's output on mobile research, followed by sub-fields such as mobile telecommunication systems (35.09 %), mobile communication (29.22 %), mobile ad hoc networks (26.86 %), mobile security (20.62 %), etc.

**Table 7. Top 20 most productive journals reporting mobile research in India during 2007-16**

| Journals   | Number of Papers |           |         |
|--|------------------|-----------|---------|
|  | 2007-11          | 2012-2016 | 2007-16 |
| <i>International Journal of Applied Engineering Research</i>                   | 0                | 175       | 175     |
| <i>Wireless Personal Communications</i>  | 18               | 150       | 168     |
| <i>Journal of Planar Chromatography Modern TLC</i>                             | 63               | 22        | 85      |
| <i>Journal of Theoretical and Applied Information Technology</i>               | 3                | 70        | 73      |
| <i>Indian Journal of Science and Technology</i>                                | 1                | 60        | 61      |
| <i>Wireless Networks</i>   | 4                | 52        | 56      |
| <i>Journal of Computer Science</i>   | 22               | 31        | 53      |
| <i>Journal of AOAC International</i>   | 40               | 11        | 51      |
| <i>European Journal of Scientific Research</i>                                 | 23               | 21        | 44      |
| <i>ARPN Journal of Engineering and Applied Science</i>                         | 0                | 34        | 34      |
| <i>Microwave and Optical Technology Letters</i>                                | 6                | 27        | 33      |
| <i>International Journal of Pharmacy and Technology</i>                        | 1                | 29        | 30      |
| <i>Journal of Liquid Chromatography and Related Technologies</i>               | 18               | 12        | 30      |
| <i>LET Communications</i>  | 11               | 18        | 29      |
| <i>International Review of Computers and Software</i>                          | 4                | 25        | 29      |
| <i>International Journal of Communication Networks and Distributed Systems</i> | 10               | 18        | 28      |
| <i>Security and Communication Networks</i>                                     | 4                | 24        | 28      |
| <i>International Journal of Engineering and Technology</i>                     | 4                | 23        | 27      |
| <i>International Journal of Security and its Applications</i>                  | 4                | 23        | 27      |
| <i>World Academy of Science Engineering and Technology</i>                     | 26               | 0         | 26      |
| Total of 20 journals   | 262              | 825       | 1087    |
| Total of India in journal output   | 1139             | 2905      | 4044    |
| Share of 20 journals in India journal output                                   | 23.00            | 28.40     | 26.88   |

The top 20 most productive India's organisations and authors together contributed 25.64 per cent and 5.11 per cent share respectively to the overall publications output of India in mobile research during 2007-2016.

Of the total output of 4044 journal papers on mobile research in India, the top 20 journals accounted 23 per cent share during 2007-2016. India published 14 highly cited papers on mobile research, accounting for 109 to 548 citations per paper and cumulating a total of 3259 citations, averaging 232.79 citations per paper. These 14 highly cited papers involved the participation of 69 authors (27 Indian) and 38 organisations (14 Indian), with Microsoft Research India, Bengaluru accounting for 4 papers and 13 others accounting for 1 paper each. These 14 highly cited papers were published in 9 journals.

## 6. CONCLUSIONS

Mobile networks is India's most preferred area of research in mobile world accounting for the largest share (53.19 %) to the national output on mobile research. The other areas of mobile research in India are mobile telecommunication systems, mobile communication, and mobile security, etc. but with insignificant contributions. Mobile applications -- like mobile banking, mobile payments, mobile commerce, mobile health, and mobile education --are still not the top

priority of research of the country. The top 20 most productive organisations in India in mobile research account for just 25.64 per cent share in the national output. These top organisations are still not contributing significantly and fail to give India a leading edge in the world mobile research. India's world share to mobile research is just 5.88 per cent. In 10 years, India could contribute only 14 highly cited papers out of a total of 13021 publications that the country published on mobile research during 2007-2016. In sum, despite its IT dominance, India is still not a leading country in the world on mobile research both in terms of quantity and quality of research. In view of its growing global importance of mobile research, it is imperative for India to develop a strategy to increase research output, improve research quality and give more emphasis on international collaboration. The Indian Government needs to identify this area as one of the national priority area, involving much larger R&D investments and trained manpower and also increase international collaboration with leading mobile research hubs.

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